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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

25X1 FROM:
Acting Chairman

25X1 SUBJECT: Unauthorized Disclosures

25X1 1. This is for your information. It provides a few suggestions you might care to use in discussion with higher levels on what can be done about leaks.

25X1 2. The conventional actions are being looked at. The DCI sent a memo to the Secretary of Defense asking for his attention to the problem. The Secretary of Defense sent a "shape up" paper throughout Defense. We believe there is similar action at the NSC/WH level. Along this line, the DCI could publish an exhortation for CIA consumption, with possibly a drop copy to the NSC.

25X1 3. Primarily, I suggest we take a look at what can be done on a more specific basis before the appearance in the mass media of an unauthorized disclosure.

25X1 a. The NFAC pretty well can identify in advance of publication those "exciting", "sexy" reports, studies, NID's, NIE's, etc., that contain sensitive material. Existing control caveats are used correctly on these publications but certainly aren't doing the job in all cases. What about a special insert in these publications--a flyer page--that broadly highlights a strong warning from the DCI on the need to protect the intelligence content because of sensitive sources?

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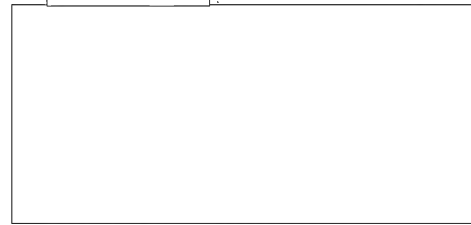
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4. I mention this now because NFAC is soon to publish a study on terrorism that is a prime candidate for a leak. It meets all the qualifications of broad appeal--timely issue, hard intelligence and CIA authorship. Unfortunately, sources are pretty well identified and their revelation could have serious repercussions. You might care to explore these suggestions in connection with this particular publication. I think John McMahon would be interested.

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